

**Subject:** RE: Response from the Embassy of Ecuador  
**From:** "Dr. Juan Falconi Puig" <jfp@falconipuig-gye.com>  
**Date:** Mon, 22 Jun 2015 12:29:42 -0500  
**To:** "Adam Vaughan" <adam.vaughan@theguardian.com>, "John Vidal" <john.vidal@guardian.co.uk>

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I am resending to you my first answer to John Vidal in connection with the article that he mentioned, as well as you do now, in which I state I will inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs about this matter, in order to have all the information and give me a comment on that. This happened at the end of last week and it is soon to have an answer until tomorrow at 3:00 pm.

However, if you publish your article on Wednesday morning, I request cordial but expressly to publish my first reply dated June 20 sent to John Vidal, that I attached again for further information, calling upon our right of replica, information and expression, among others, which you well know. I appreciate your collaboration on this regard.

Best regards,

Juan Falconi Puig  
Ambassador of Ecuador in the United Kingdom

**De:** Adam Vaughan [mailto:adam.vaughan@theguardian.com]  
**Enviado el:** lunes, 22 de junio de 2015 8:43  
**Para:** John Vidal; jfp@falconipuig-gye.com  
**Asunto:** Fwd: Response from the Embassy of Ecuador

Dear ambassador,

I am a journalist at the Guardian.

We are preparing to publish the article that John Vidal mentions below; please could you contact me as soon as possible if you have a response to make regarding the allegations he has put to you.

My current intention is to publish on Wednesday morning, so I'd be grateful for a response before 3pm on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,  
Adam Vaughan

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From: **John Vidal** <[john.vidal@theguardian.com](mailto:john.vidal@theguardian.com)>  
Date: 17 June 2015 at 17:10  
Subject: Fwd: Response from the Embassy of Ecuador  
To: Adam Vaughan <[adam.vaughan@guardian.co.uk](mailto:adam.vaughan@guardian.co.uk)>

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From: **John Vidal** <[john.vidal@theguardian.com](mailto:john.vidal@theguardian.com)>

Date: 17 June 2015 at 17:09

Subject: Re: Response from the Embassy of Ecuador

To: Juan Falconi <[jfp@falconipuig-gye.com](mailto:jfp@falconipuig-gye.com)>

Dear Ambassador Juan Falconi,

1 The Guardian in London has been passed several hundred pages of files apparently drawn from the Secretria Nacional de Inteligencia in Quito which show how prominent Ecuadorian citizens, as well as national and international environment, human rights, indigenous and political groups who opposed the extraction of oil in Yasuni were put under surveillance by the state

2 The documents show that much of the information collected on individuals was protected and personal, and includes their financial affairs, their cars and houses, and their foreign travel . This we believe to be illegal.

3 We would very much like a reaction from the Ecuadorean government but for obvious reasons we need to protect our sources and cannot show them to you. However, people who are familiar with such documents have stated that the level of detail which is included and the sheer quantity of documents shows conclusively that they are genuine.

4 Nothing in the files suggests that any of the people put under surveillance acted illegally. However., it is alleged by Ecuadorian citizens that that it is against the law for the government to collect personal details on citizens in this way

Yours sincerely

John Vidal  
Guardian

PS. As I am away from Friday, could you please address any response to

[adam.vaughan@guardian.co.uk](mailto:adam.vaughan@guardian.co.uk).

Please copy me in

Thanks

On 7 May 2014 at 17:15, Juan Falconi <[jfp@falconipuig-gye.com](mailto:jfp@falconipuig-gye.com)> wrote:

Esta bien  
Gracias  
Jfp

Enviado desde mi iPhone

> El 07/05/2014, a las 10:56, Embajada del Ecuador GRAN BRETANA  
<[eecugranbretania@cancilleria.gob.ec](mailto:eecugranbretania@cancilleria.gob.ec)> escribió:  
>  
> Dear Mr. Vidal,  
>  
> Thank you very much for your email. Please find below the comments of Ambassador Juan Falconi Puig  
as per your request.  
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> He is looking forward to meet you soon.  
>  
> Yours truly  
> Embassy of Ecuador  
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> "In Ecuador, it is the independent National Electoral Council (CNE), not the Government, who  
determines whether enough legitimate signatures have been collected to organise a referendum. The  
auditing was overseen by international observers from the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR).  
The CNE has been commended by regional bodies for overseeing free and fair electoral processes.  
> Nearly 240.000 signatures have been ruled out by the CNE in the latest round of audits for not being  
genuine. Additionally there were signatures repeated up to nine times.  
> That was decisive. It means that even if they'd included all the signatures ruled out in previous audits,  
where people were ruled out for being underage or for not being on the electoral register, the YASunidos  
would still have fallen well short.  
> The option of a referendum remains on the table where people are able to collect enough genuine  
signatures. For that they need 5% of the registered electorate"  
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> From: John Vidal [[john.vidal@theguardian.com](mailto:john.vidal@theguardian.com)]  
> Sent: 07 May 2014 04:18  
> To: Embajada del Ecuador GRAN BRETANA  
> Subject: Re: Embassy of Ecuador  
>  
> Dear Ambassador Falconi,  
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> Could I ask you for a comment please, from the persepective of the  
> Ecuador government, on the result of the CNE Yasuni petition and the  
> fact that such a remarkably high number of signatures appear to have  
> been invalid.  
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